

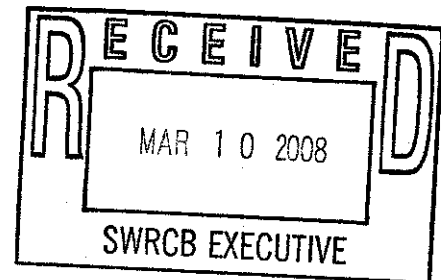


CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES

3/18/08 Bd, Mtg. Item 13
Recycle Water Policy
Deadline: 3/10/08 by 12 p.m.

March 10, 2008

Tam Doduc, Chair
and Members of the
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100
Attn: Jeanine Townsend



Subject: Comment Letter – Proposed Recycled Water Policy

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board:

California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) commends the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for recognizing the importance of recycled water and for your efforts to develop a policy that will facilitate the use of recycled water. CUWA is comprised of eleven public water agencies that provide drinking water to two-thirds of California's population. CUWA's members have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years to diversify their water supply portfolios to reduce dependence on imported water and to develop balanced, sustainable, and reliable water supplies. Recycled water is a resource for a number of our members. When appropriately managed, recycled water can be safely used for irrigation and groundwater recharge.

CUWA requests that you postpone adoption of the Recycled Water Policy and convene a stakeholder group to assist you in developing a policy that will remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to the use of recycled water, while protecting surface and groundwater supplies. A collaborative process in which wastewater, drinking water, and environmental stakeholders work with you and your staff will result in an improved policy that will assist the state in meeting its recycled water goals while protecting beneficial uses.

CUWA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Policy and we look forward to working with the State Water Board and other stakeholders to improve this policy. If you have any questions on our comments, please call me at (916) 552-2929.

Sincerely,

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